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## Effigy Mounds News Release

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### National Park Service Founders' Day *Featuring - Children's Archaeology Activities* August 25, 2007

The public is invited to Effigy Mounds National Monument to celebrate National Park Service Founders' Day on August 25, 2007. Congress established the National Park Service on August 25, 1916, "*to promote and regulate the use of the...national parks...to conserve the scenery and natural an historic objects...to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner...as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.*" On Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup>, the morning and afternoon will be filled with free activities for all ages along with cake to celebrate Founders' Day or the birthday of the National Park Service.

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Scrapbooking Workshop:** The workshop will use a National Parks Scrapbook page which can be purchased at Effigy Mounds bookstore. Volunteers will help participants make two pages which will include personal photos. Participants should bring 8 to 10 photos and **be sure to make reservations by calling 563-873-3491.**

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Films:** *Pentrex "The Best of the Midwest-Volume II"* has great footage and vintage glimpses of trains at work, some locally, to honor Marquette's 150<sup>th</sup> railroad anniversary.

**"National Park Symphony" by Russ Finley:** classical music videos set in national parks will be shown ***all day*** in visitor center lobby.

**"Adventure and Great Undertakings: Herbert Hoover's Childhood in West Branch" and "Earthshapers" – the story of Effigy Mounds National Monument** will play throughout the day in the visitor center auditorium.

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Children's Archeology events:**

- A. Children will be able to see archeological artifacts and may attempt a simulated archeological dig
- B. "Stones, Bones, and Sticks" a discussion and demonstration of early Native American tools.
- C. Children will create and design pottery as the early inhabitants would have done. The monument will provide the materials and the children will provide the creativity

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The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

**7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

***Summer Cultural Series: “The Driftless Land”***

Authors Kevin Kotch, and Katie Fisher will narrate this multimedia extravaganza with “The Unstrung Heoros”- musicians Robert Dunn, Lou Fautsch, Paul Benner and Keith Yoder. Over 200 images of the Upper Mississippi River area will be set to music giving guests an opportunity to learn about the landscape through a unique cultural experience.

**Founders’ Day** events including **children’s archaeology activities** are planned with the goal of making the community aware of their local national park service site and the importance of the ancient people who once lived here.

For more information visit online at [www.nps.gov/efmo](http://www.nps.gov/efmo) or call (563) 873-3491.

Effigy Mounds National Monument is located 3 miles north of Marquette, IA and 22 miles south of Waukon, IA on HWY 76.

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